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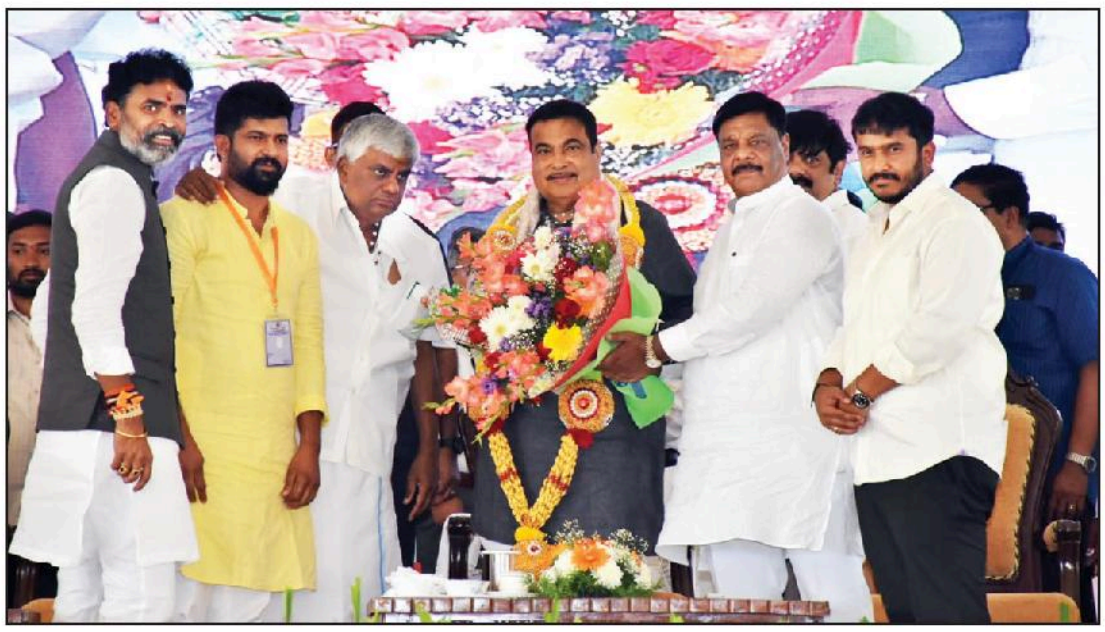
Nitin Gadkari arrives in city

Lays foundation for road projects worth Rs. 4,000 crore

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BLU&BCT)- Union Minister for Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari arrived in Mysuru this afternoon to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for a series of road infrastructure projects in the Mysuru, Mandya and Hassan region. The Minister's flight arrived at the Mysore Airport at around 1 pm and his convoy came to the Maharaja's College Grounds.

At the Airport, Gadkari was received by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra, Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy and other leaders.



Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa (second from right) felicitating Union Minister for Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari at Maharaja's College Grounds in city this afternoon as (from left) MPs S. Muniswamy, Prathap Simha, MLAs H.D. Revanna and G.D. Harish Gowda (extreme right) look on.

At the main event at Maharaja's College Grounds, Gadkari laid the foundation stone for 22 National Highways projects (extending up to 268 kilometres) worth over Rs. 4,000 crore dedicating the project to the nation.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MPs S. Muniswamy, Prathap Simha, Sumalatha Ambarish, MLAs H.D. Revanna, T.S. Srivatsa, and G.D. Harish Gowda, MLCs H. Vishwanath and C.N. Manjegowda and others were present on the dais.

Level crossings near Crawford Hall, KRS Road

For Mysuru city, Gadkari laid the foundation stone for multiple projects including the Road Under Bridge (RUB) project at the level crossing near Crawford Hall on the Kukkarahalli-Bogadi Road, aimed at easing traffic congestion. The Centre has already allocated Rs. 45 crore for this endeavour, which originated at the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar level crossing 1.

Additionally, Gadkari laid the foundation stone for the Road Under Bridge on KRS Road near Royal Inn Junction (Mysuru-Belagola section), targeting level crossing 5, for which a grant of Rs. 34 crore has been sanctioned by the Centre.

Ring Road projects

Furthermore, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari kick-started various road projects including the strengthening and improvements along with service road on the Mysuru Ring Road (length 32 kilometres) at a cost of Rs. 145 crore. These works will decongest the city and will provide a hassle-free movement.

As per a press release, the Huliyar-KB Cross-Chunchanahalli-Nelligere Road project aims to enhance connectivity between Mysuru and North Karnataka. Additionally, the construction of the four-lane Belur-Hassan and Yedegowdanahalli-Bilikere Road, coupled with the implementation of the Road Under Bridge at Hangarahalli and the Holenarasipura Bypass, is anticipated to reduce travel time by two hours.

New bridge for Hunsur

In Hunsur, Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for a crucial and wide bridge across the Lakshmanatheertha River, which is expected to alleviate congestion in the town. The current bridge's limited capacity often results in traffic jams, particularly for commuters travelling towards Mysuru and Kodagu.

Speaking at the event, Prathap Simha commended Gadkari for the ongoing development projects in India and specifically in the Mysuru region. "The significant progress we see is rightfully attributed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. Their efforts have led to the transformation of numerous kilometres of roads nationwide. Nitin Gadkari's contributions to the development of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway are noteworthy," he stated, highlighting the grants secured for the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency by the Central Government.

The City Police had maintained strict security measures in and around the premises of Maharaja's College Grounds, with thorough frisking and screening procedures for all entrants, including passage through metal detector frames. Additionally, massive LED screens were strategically installed near the grounds, enabling spectators from afar to witness the events on the dais.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 10th March 2024

Mewa distributes certificates

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Mewa Educational & Vocational Training Centre and JSS celebrated annual certificate distribution function in city on Mar. 7.

C. Ramesh, Director, JSS, who was the chief guest, urged the students to take up various courses like Computer, Electrical & Plumbing and other courses and avail jobs in their related fields. Later he also distributed certificates to the students of both Assistant Computer Operator and Electrical courses. D. Sowbhagya, Programme Officer and S.L. Essar Ahmed, Electrical Instructor, were also present on the occasion.

Mohammed Baseerulla, Computer Instructor, welcomed. This was followed by Qirath by Ammar Manna, a student of Electrical course. Students Mohammed Reehan, Mohammed Suhail, Mahatesh, Syed Kaleem and Jaffer Sadiq shared their experiences on their courses.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Not only humans but also pet dogs suffer from hypertension and it is more prevalent in dogs in the age group of six to eight years, followed by dogs aged 12 years and above, a recent study has revealed. The study on dogs was conducted by the College of Veterinary Sciences, PV Narasimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University (PVNRTVU), Hyderabad.

Of the 6,856 adult dogs studied, 87 (1.27%) were diagnosed with hypertension, 90.8% with secondary hypertension and 9.2% with idiopathic hypertension. There was a high incidence of hypertension in dogs aged 6-8 years, followed by dogs aged 12 years and older. The study also found that males (56.32%) were more affected than females (43.68%). The Spitz was the most affected breed (33.3%) and the lowest incidence was found in the Pug (1.15%).

Dr. K. Satish Kumar, Senior Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Canine Cardiologist at PVNRTVU, Hyderabad, who led the research, said that one of the challenges with hypertension in dogs and cats is that it is often asymptomatic, meaning the animals appear normal and show no signs of illness.

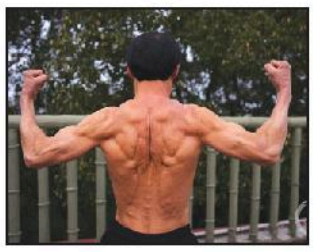
"This can lead to a misconception among pet parents who may attribute early signs, such as reduced activity and poor appetite, to normal changes associated with ageing. However, each level of hypertension carries a risk of minimal to severe target organ damage," the doctor said. "Addressing underlying diseases associated with hypertension can prevent hypertension. However, it is uncertain if blood pressure control improves survival in pets as it does in humans, although successful treatment of hypertension prevents or minimises target organ damage," he added.

In addition to signs of hypertension, dogs with secondary hypertension also exhibited clinical signs of certain underlying diseases such as renal disease (vomiting, haematuria, haematemesis, polyuria, polydipsia, weight loss, anaemia, oliguria, emaciation, oral ulcers, tartar, stranguria and urine dribbling), diabetes mellitus (polyuria, polydipsia, polyphagia and emaciation), chronic hepatitis (icterus, ascites and oedema) and hypothyroidism (obesity, bilateral alopecia, delayed wound healing and rat-tail appearance).

A few dogs also presented with icterus, ascites and oedema, obesity, bilateral alopecia, delayed wound healing and rat-tailed appearance consistent with chronic hepatitis and hypothyroidism, the study found. *—In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

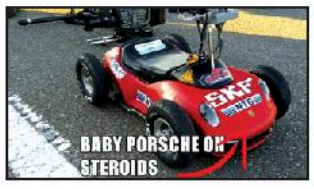
70-year-old shocks internet with toned physique



Chongqing: A 70-year-old fitness enthusiast from Chongqing, China, has been getting a lot of attention on social media thanks to his enviable physique and seemingly endless energy.

Zou Heping's epic fitness journey started in 1979 when he read about the benefits of running in a magazine. He has been running up Gele Mountain, near Chongqing, ever since and has also added a number of other exercises to keep his body in tip-top shape. Pull-ups, hand stands and pole climbing are all a part of Zou's training regimen, but he also devised a series of weird-looking exercises that allow him to conserve his health. For example, he frog-jumps more than 2,500 steps from the foot to the summit of Gele Mountain, and then alligator-crawls back down, a routine that he claims is easier on the knees and improves limb coordination. But while his training routine can be contested, its results cannot; Zou Heping not only looks fitter than most people half his age, but he also has a full set of black hair, which he claims he never dyes.

Student builds world's fastest toy car



Berlin: A German engineering student spent 10 months modifying a toy car and turning it into an extremely fast vehicle capable of reaching speeds of up to 148 km/h.

31-year-old Marcel Paul has always been fascinated by Bobby Cars, a type of toy car that was invented to help children learn to walk. With 14 World Championships and 9 European Championships under his belt, Paul is one of the most successful riders in this wacky sport, but to really cement his legacy, he decided to do something more ambitious – create the world's fastest rideable toy car. It took him 10 months to research, design and build the tiny speed demon, but he was able to smash through the old record of 88 mph on his first try.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tip to Prevent Heart Attack:

Manage Diabetes: If you have diabetes, work with your healthcare team to keep your blood sugar levels in a healthy range.

By Dr. Sasirekha D. - Consultant - Cardiology - Interventional - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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St. Joseph's PU College Principal secures rank in M.Sc Psychology

Dr. Richard

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Dr. Anto Richard, Principal of St. Joseph's PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, has secured 7th rank in M.Sc Psychology from Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru.

He holds a diverse range of Degrees and Diplomas, including MA in History, B.Ed, Ph.D from University of Mysore, M.Phil from Madurai Kamaraj University and PG Diplomas in Education Administration and Supervision, Tourism Management, Parental Education from Annamalai University.

Additionally, he has pursued PG Diplomas in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies from KSOU and Counselling Psychology from DADE Bengaluru.

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REALLY...?

- ***Corn was first domesticated in Mexico about 9,000 years ago from a wild grass called teosinte, according to Piperno, whose research appears in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.***
- ***The Australian finger lime is becoming a popular cultivated tree in the US, particularly in Florida. While it may not be as rare as some of the other fruit on this list, based on its looks alone, it certainly makes the cut for being weird and exotic.***
- ***Ice cream's origins are known to reach back as far as the second century B.C., although no specific date of origin nor inventor has been indisputably credited with its discovery. It is known that Alexander the Great enjoyed snow and ice flavoured with honey and nectar.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Judge: *Why did you steal the fans and bulbs from the compartment of the train?*
Thief: *Because it was written on the compartment wall, "This property belongs to you!"*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Vasu leaves a legacy of service and impact on Mysuru

Sir,

Our beloved leader Vasu has departed from us. When I last saw him recently, I was struck speechless by his condition. I couldn't help but wonder if this would be our final encounter, though I resisted entertaining such forebodings. Yet, can we escape fate?

He was truly a leader of the people — accessible to both rich and poor, familiar faces and strangers alike, embracing friends and well-wishers as readily as critics. There was scarcely a matter concerning Mysuru that he did not possess profound insight into: From water and power supply, to park encroachments, footpath maintenance, pervasive corruption across various echelons, breaches of building regulations, the city's developmental plans, the preservation of Chamundi Hill and the crucial task of lake conservation.

Remarkably, he displayed an extraordinary dedication to rectifying the utterly deficient sewage system — a subject devoid of glamour. Despite lacking an engineering background, he delved into the intricacies of its failures and advocated for necessary reforms. His genuine commitment to this vital issue left an indelible impression on me.

While Vasu will be remembered in Mysuru's history for numerous contributions, his efforts to enhance the sewage system will undoubtedly leave a profound impact. Vasu was undeniably a leader cherished by all and his absence will be keenly felt.

—Bhamy V. Shenoy
Yadavagiri
9.3.2024

Lecture on invasive species held at St. Philos

Retired IFS Officer Lakshmana, who delivered a lecture at St. Philomena's College recently, being felicitated on the occasion.

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (KS)- The Department of Botany, in collaboration with Clean and Green Campus Committee of St. Philomena's College, had organised a transformative guest lecture on 'Impact of Invasive Species on Local Indigenous Flora' at its premises in city recently.

The event also marked the launching of 'Campus Flora of St. Philos,' a website created with joint efforts of students and faculty. Retired Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officer A.C. Lakshman, Principal Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha and in-charge HOD Jeevitha Saldanha inaugurated the e-flora Website.

To understand the importance of managing the invasive species, which pose a significant threat to the ecosystems worldwide, disrupting natural balance and biodiversity, leading to a cascade of ecological consequences, a guest lecture was delivered by retired IFS Officer Lakshmana. His acumens on invasive species and his experiences in its mitigation was commendable. His adventurous life and experience captivated the audience during the event.

The session facilitated meaningful dialogue and collaboration among participants, fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities and opportunities surrounding invasive plant species. The event also marked a significant step towards fostering biodiversity management and conservation within the college community.

Workshop on 'Empowering Specially Abled' on Mar. 12

Mysuru, Mar. 10- JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled (JSS PDA), in association with Cheshire Disability Trust, Bengaluru, has organised a one-day workshop on 'Strategies for Empowering Specially Abled through Education' at JSS PDA, JSS Technical Institutions campus, in Mysuru, on Mar. 12.

The workshop aims to create awareness and sense of responsibility for those who are involved in dealing the Persons with Disabilities (PwD) which includes heads of institutions, teachers, social workers and other well-wishers to guide them to a proper place for achieving higher educational qualifications.

For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2548315, according to a press release from JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled.

Mysore University chosen for Rs. 50 lakh special grant

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru, has selected the over-century-old University of Mysore (UoM) for awarding Rs. 50 lakh special grant under the 'University Provided Highest Employability/ Best Placement Services including Affiliated Colleges' category, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Admission

Janaseva Vidyakendra, Bengaluru Urban district, has invited applications from eligible students from SC community for admission to 5th standard (Kannada medium only) and 8th standard (both English and Kannada medium) for the year 2024-25. The admission will be based on an entrance exam, which will take place on Mar. 20 for Fifth standard and Mar. 21 for Eighth standard. Interested SC community students from across the State can apply before Mar. 19, according to a press release by the Social Welfare Department. For details, contact Ph: 080-64548640 or Mob: 92412-16119.

Applications invited

The Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible unemployed youths of ST community, for admission to short term courses in Tailoring (60 days), SEDP Shop (30 days), Assistant Hair Therapist (30 days), Fashion Designer (30 days), Hardware repairs (30 days), Hair stylist (30 days), Beauty Therapist (30 days), Domestic Data Entry Operator (60 days), Solar Panel installation specialist (30 days) etc., The prescribed application forms are available at the Valmiki Development Corporation Office, contact Ph: 0821- 2430022.

Training for farmers on Mar. 13

A one-day training programme for farmers on Country Chicken Poultry (Naati Koli) rearing at District Agriculture Training Centre, Naganahalli in the taluk on Mar. 13. Interested farmers and women farmers can register by calling Mob: 82779-33157. The admission is limited to 50 farmers and early applicants will be given preference.

Ph.D awardees

K.H. Annapoorna has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Vijaya Subbaraj Avara Sahitya (Kannada KruthigalanuAnulakshisi)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.P. Ashakumari.

K. Girish has been awarded Ph.D in Faculty of Management by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for his thesis 'The Role of Power and Conflict on Team Management in Selected Manufacturing Industries.' [Guide Dr. PSV Balaji Rao]

Act fast to provide relief in farmer suicide cases: ADC Shivaraju

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (SBD&BS)- Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) P. Shivaraju has instructed the Officers of Departments concerned to take steps for speedy disbursal of relief and facilities for the next of kin in farmer suicide cases.

He was speaking during the progress review meeting on the implementation of facilities provided from various Departments to the family members of the farmers who end lives, organised at the new DC Office in Siddarthanagar in city recently.

ADC P. Shivaraju chairing the progress review meeting at the new DC Office in Siddarthanagar here recently as District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, Agriculture, Revenue and Education Department officials look on.

ADC Shivaraju categorically instructed the officials not to delay the provision of special facilities extended by the Government in farmer suicide cases.

A meeting will be regularly conducted on first Monday of every month on providing Government facilities in the farmer suicide cases that meet the criterion. The Officers must ensure that the families of such farmers are not put into trouble, he added.

A total of 53 farmers have committed suicide from April 2023 till date with 43 among them meeting the eligibility criterion for facilities. The Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report is pending in three cases, with a few more documents required in two cases. The Police should also give priority to such pending cases, he said.

The Officers should take steps to provide special health facilities by distributing Health Card from the Department of Health and Family Welfare in the cases of 16 farmer families. There should also be no delay in providing facilities from Department of Education to bereaved children of farmers.

When farmer suicide cases are reported, the Officers concerned should visit the spot within four hours of the incident and submit inspection report.

Awareness should be created among the about the schemes launched for the development of agriculture sector along with the progress of farmers and other Government facilities, to instil confidence in them to prevent them from taking any extreme step, advised ADC Shivaraju.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, Agriculture, Revenue and Education Department officials were present.

Private Hospitals Association welcomes SC rule on fee parity

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (DM)- The Private Hospitals Association has welcomed the Supreme Court's (SC) direction on fixing a uniform fee structure for treatment at all private Hospitals in the country within a month.

Dr. S.P. Yoganna

In a press release, Association President Dr. S.P. Yoganna said that the Association welcomes the SC ruling in connection with a PIL (Public Interest Litigation) filed by Veterans Forum for Transparency in Public life, an NGO.

Pointing out that the SC has directed the Centre to stipulate an uniform fee structure at all private Hospitals across the county in a month, Yoganna said that the last fee revision of medical services under the Clinical services Establishments Act, was done in 2018 and it is a matter of regret that the Central and State Governments did not bother to implement it.

"The Association urges Prime Minister Narendra Modi to constitute a high-level committee comprising doctors, elected representatives, representatives of medical associations and NGOs as members, for ensuring a fair deal for both the patients and private hospitals, by stipulating an agreeable fee structure", he said.

Noting that the Karnataka Government too has not revised the fee structure under its health schemes such as Yeshasvini, Ayushman Bharat, ESI Health Services etc., for the past 14 years, Dr. Yoganna maintained that the non-revision of fees for such a long time has tied the hands of private hospitals for providing better health services.

The State Government too should constitute a Committee for stipulating a fair fee structure for medical services in Private Hospitals, he said while appealing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to fix an appropriate fee structure in order to provide better medical services to the people.

Observing that 85 percent of the medical services in the country and the State is provided by private health sector, he said that Government Hospitals are providing only 15 percent of medical services to the population. In this backdrop, it is essential for the Government to draw the services of the private health sector for public health care.

As such, both the Union and State Governments should constitute a committee of experts for fixing a fair fee structure for medical services in Private Hospitals as directed by the SC, the release said.

It is our duty to care for birds, animals: Snake Shyam

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BS)- City's snake rescuer Snake Shyam said "It is our responsibility to conserve environment along with birds and animals."

He was speaking at the recent programme organised by Youth Red Cross Unit, National Service Scheme (NSS) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at TTL College of Commerce and Business Management, at Saraswathipuram in city to inaugurate cement water tank and hanging water pots to quench the thirst of birds and animals.

"Since time immemorial, man shares an inseparable bond with nature. Now, due to environmental imbalance and man-made mistakes, many birds are on the verge of extinction, that turns worse in summer due to non-availability of water. It is a task worth inspiring the younger generation by creating awareness among them. The youths and students should carry forward the task like a campaign across the district and create a favourable atmosphere for birds and animals," said Shyam.

Principal of TTL College Dr. B.V. Prashanth presided over the programme.

Trustee Dr. Geetha Ramdas, President of KMPK Charitable Trust Vikram Iyengar, Principal of TTL PU College Bhramarambha, lecturer Prof. Ramachandraiah, Youth Red Cross Unit Convener H.R. Girish, President of Pragnavantha Nagarika Vedike Kadakola Jagadish, Suchendra Mirle, Phaneesh, teaching and non-teaching staff, students were present.

General K.S. Thimayya's statue reinstalled at Madikeri

Madikeri, Mar. 10- The statue of General K.S. Thimayya was reinstalled with full honours at the Circle in Madikeri with hundreds of people taking part in the ceremony organised by the Madikeri City Municipal Council in association with Madikeri Kodava Samaja and other organisations on Friday.

The statue was unveiled by offering floral tributes to it by Air Marshal (Retd.) Nanda Cariappa and former Minister M.C. Nanaiah.

Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda, Virajpet MLA and Legal Advisor to the Chief Minister A.S. Ponnanna, MLC Suja Kushalappa, former Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly K.G. Bopaiah, former MLC Veena Achaiah, Madikeri City Municipal Council President Neravanda Anitha Poovaiah, Field Marshal Cariappa and Gen. Thimayya Forum President Col. (Retd.) Kandrathanda Subbaiah, Kodagu Ex-Servicemen Association President Maj. Gen. (Retd.) B.A. Cariappa, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Venkat Raja, Superintendent of Police (SP) K. Ramarajan, City Municipal Council Vice-President Savitha Rakesh, Madikeri Kodava Samaja President Muthappa, ex-Servicemen and members of the public also offered floral tributes to the statue.

"General K.S. Thimayya was a great Indian. He is an inspiration to youngsters. Former MLC M.C. Nanaiah was responsible for the installation of the statue here in Madikeri 51 years ago in 1973. The General is an embodiment of all that is good. His motto to be an Indian first must be followed by us. Gen. Thimayya always used to say I am an Indian first, which is still an inspiration to youngsters," said Air Marshal (Retd.) Nanda Cariappa.

Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda said that the Statue of Gen. Thimayya has been repaired at a cost of Rs. 3.50 lakh and the Circle renovated at a cost of Rs. 13.50 lakh. The MLA emphasised the need to reduce traffic congestion in the area to protect the Circle and statue. He also felt the need for installation of CCTV cameras in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, M.C. Nanaiah said that the statue was originally sculpted by Wagh from Mumbai for Rs. 30,000 and was installed in 1973. The then Field Marshal Manekshaw had unveiled the statue, he recalled.

Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna said that the Circle where Gen. Thimayya's statue has been installed should be called in the name of Gen. Thimayya.

Deputy Commissioner Venkat Raja also spoke.

Earlier, the statue of Gen. Thimayya was brought to Madikeri in a vehicle which was welcomed by the Madikeri MLA and members of various organisations. The statue, accompanied by members of various organisations in traditional Kodava attire, NCC Cadets and Scouts and Guides students of General Thimayya Public School and ex-Servicemen, was taken to the renovated Circle in a procession. A bike rally was also held on the occasion.

It may be recalled that the statue of Gen. Thimayya was damaged when a speeding KSRTC bus accidentally crashed into the Circle in August 2023. The statue was shifted to Mysuru where renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj undertook the repair works of the statue.

'Sitara' Award for Additional SP

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Samskruthi Women Sphere (SWS) and World Arya Vysya Mahasabha (WAM) felicitated Mysuru's Additional Superintendent of Police (Addl. SP) Dr. B.N. Nandini with 'Sitara' award. SWS, WAM Karnataka State President Sridevi S. Bhoopalam, Secretary Keerthi Ramesh, Treasurer Nanda Lokesh, Directors Lakshmi Chetan, Sapna Madhusudan, Archana Basavaraj, Swetha Swaroop, Asha, Kavitha Balaji and Kamalar were present.

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My development works are my greatest strength: Prathap Simha

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BCT)- "If any member within my party harbours the intention to safeguard Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's position, they may endeavour to obstruct my candidacy for the upcoming Lok Sabha election. However, I remain confident that the BJP will endorse my candidacy," asserted Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha in response to speculations suggesting the potential denial of his ticket this time.

Addressing a section of electronic media in Mysuru yesterday, the MP stated, "The Congress is struggling to find a contender to contest against me. Hence, I am fully aware of the strength I possess. Congress is well aware that Prathap Simha cannot be easily defeated."

"The developmental works I have pursued in the last decade are my greatest strength. The constituents of Mysuru-Kodagu stand by me steadfastly and I have Goddess Chamundeshwari's blessings. I am confident of securing victory with a margin of 2 to 3 lakh votes this time. Mysuru is known for tigers, but one should understand that Goddess Chamundeshwari is seated on a lion, and she will never abandon me," he said.

"Every party worker holds the right to seek a ticket to contest. Over the past decade, I have dedicated myself to diligent work. Those who hold affection for me are plentiful. The nation desires the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again. While envy and animosity may prevail in politics, none have matched my level of commitment and there is a large chunk of people who want me to be their MP," he noted.

"The fate of MPs is ultimately determined by the people. With 28 MPs in Karnataka, ticket allocations are merit-based, contingent upon performance. If my constituents are satisfied with my work, it resonates with the higher echelons of the party. I've led numerous developmental initiatives in Mysuru. My vision encompasses elevating Mysuru into Greater Mysuru, with plans to convert the existing airport into an international airport, metro and a Peripheral Ring Road, along with ensuring robust connectivity to Kodagu. My dedication to development remains steadfast and I vehemently oppose extremist ideologies," he asserted.

'Gopuram' Jewellery Show by Art Karat on Mar. 12, 13

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Art Karat Jewellery presents its finest silver jewellery collection 'Gopuram,' inspired by the temple gates of South India, known for its unique art.

The exhibition will be held at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city on Mar. 12 and 13 from 11 am to 8 pm.

Asha Kamal Modi, the designer behind Art Karat, has created a master collection that captures the essence of South Indian culture. This collection will feature a mix of South Indian guttapusalu necklaces, temple dance jewellery, temple-paintings studded in jewelled frames. The designs are a beautiful mix of various workmanships from temple to kundan, pave to embossed gold, paachi to Hyderabadi pearls.

Most Art Karat designs are priced between Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 75,000 hence making it affordable for jewellery and art-lovers. The collection includes a beautiful range of necklaces, long earrings, bracelets, bajubandhs, tikaas, mathapatti, rings and nosepins. More than 1,000 designs have been created for this exhibition.

Art Karat stands for creating hand-crafted silver jewellery coated with 22k gold set with precious stones with exceptional emphasis on detail.

Art Karat, a pioneer in creating designer silver jewellery in India and the pioneer of the concept of trunk shows, organises over 250 exhibitions worldwide in more than 150 cities worldwide.

One more Vande Bharat Express between Mysuru and Chennai

Prime Minister Modi will flag off the new train from Chennai on Mar. 12

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BCT)- With the announcement of one more Vande Bharat Express between Mysuru and Chennai via Bengaluru, the rail connectivity between the three cities received a significant boost. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the new train from Chennai on Mar. 12.

As per the information provided by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, the new Vande Bharat service between Bengaluru and Chennai will become operational from April 5, the services of the Mysuru leg will commence once the maintenance facility for Vande Bharat is completed and commissioned in Mysuru.

According to a notification from the Ministry of Railways, Train number 20663, the Mysuru-MGR Chennai Vande Bharat Express, will depart from Mysuru at 6 am and arrive at MGR Chennai at 12.20 pm daily, except Wednesdays.

En route, it will make stoppages at Mandya (arrival 6.28 am; Departure 6.30 am), Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) Bengaluru at Baiyappanahalli (7.45 am/7.50 am), Krishnarajapuram (8.04 am/8.06 am), and Katpadi (10.33 am/10.35 am).

In the return direction, train number 20664, the MGR Chennai-Mysuru Vande Bharat, will depart from Chennai at 5 pm and reach Mysuru at 11.20 pm daily, except Wednesdays. It will stop at Katpadi (arrival 6.23 pm, departure 6.25 pm), Krishnarajapuram (8.48 pm/8.50 pm), SMVT Bengaluru (9.25 pm/9:30 pm) and Mandya (10.38 pm/ 10:40 pm).

In his proposal to Railway Minister Ashwin Vaishnaw, Prathap Simha on Mar. 8 this year had urged for the immediate commencement of Vande Bharat Express services directly from Mysuru itself, given the recent alleviation of significant terminal constraints in Mysuru. This move is crucial to harnessing the full potential of this development for the region's benefit, the MP noted.

"Persistent reception and dispatch issues at KSR Bengaluru City undermine the potential advantages of faster trains between Mysuru and Bengaluru. By initiating Vande Bharat Express services from Mysuru, we not only overcome this challenge but also enhance connectivity and accessibility for commuters. Additionally, introducing this service will positively impact the tourism sector in the region," Prathap Simha added.

The existing Vande Bharat Train No. 06037 Chennai to Mysuru departs Chennai at 5.50 am and arrives in Mysuru at 12.20 pm. En route, the train has commercial stoppages at Katpadi (arrival 7.13 am and departure 7.15 pm) and KSR Bengaluru (arrival 10.10 am and departure 10.15 am).

The existing Train No. 06038 Mysuru to Chennai departs Mysuru at 1.05 pm and arrives in Chennai at 7.20 pm. En route, the train has commercial stoppages at KSR Bengaluru (arrival at 2.50 pm and departure at 2.55 pm) and Katpadi (arrival at 5.33 pm and departure at 5.35 pm).

Jupiter Watch by COSMOS at Vijnana Bhavan held

Mysuru, Mar. 10- The Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS), Mysuru, in association with Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) and University of Mysore (UoM), had organised a Jupiter and Sky Watch Event as part of National Science Day (Feb. 28) celebration on Monday (Mar. 4) at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri.

Renowned Amateur Astronomers Dr. S.N. Prasad and M. Krishnamurthy were the resource persons for the event attended by over 200 participants of various age groups including students. The programme started with an introduction to the night sky and particularly focused on stars and planets.

Krishnamurthy gave a talk on the importance of skywatch and celestial objects. Dr. Prasad answered the questions from the participants. Later, the resource persons shared their insights with the participants followed by an interaction session.

N. Amoghavarsha, Project Associate, COSMOS, informed the participants about the upcoming planetarium in Mysuru.

R. Punith, Project Assistant, COSMOS, helped participants to watch Jupiter and its moons.

Political leaders pay last respects to former MLA Vasu

Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad offering his last respects to the mortal remains of former MLA Vasu in Mysuru yesterday. Prasad's son-in-law and former MLA B. Harshavardhan is also seen.

Hotelier P.V. Giri couple consoling Kaveesh Gowda, the eldest son of Vasu, after paying their last respects to mortal remains of Vasu.

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (RK&SBD)- Several political leaders and dignitaries paid their last respects to former Chamaraja MLA Vasu who passed away here yesterday following illness.

Today, District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and former Chief Minister and former Union Minister M. Veerappa Moily to whom Vasu served as the Political Secretary when he (Moily) was the CM, were among the top political leaders who visited the residence of Vasu located on Temple road in Jayalakshmipuram and paid their last respects. The two leaders, who arrived separately consoled the family members of the deceased former MLA. Other political leaders who paid their last respects this morning included farmer leader Badagalapura Nagendra, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan, MUDA Chairman K.Marigowda, former Karnataka Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa, Siddartha Group of Hotels Chairman P.V. Giri and a host of other leaders.

Vasu's body will be taken in a procession from his residence to the Congress office (Congress Bhavan) located near City Railway station later this afternoon, where it will be kept for some time for the public to pay their last respects. The body will be thereafter taken to VVIET(Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology) located on Bannur road in the city outskirts where the last rites will be conducted later this evening.

On Saturday, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji, Mysuru Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama head Swami Muktidanandaji, Vijayanagar Yoganarasimhaswamy temple founder Dr.Bhashyam Swamiji, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, MP V.Sreenivasa Prasad, former Chief Minister D.V. Sadanandagowda, former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, '*Star of Mysore*' and '*Mysuru Mithra*' founder editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Public TV Chief H.R. Ranganath, Minister K. Venkatesh, MLAs Tanveer Sait, A. Manju, Darshan Puttannaiah, Darshan Dhruvanarayan, Puttarangashetty and Anil Chikkamadu, MLCs C.N. Manjegowda and A.H. Vishwanath, former MLAs L. Nagendra, H.P. Manjunath, B. Harshavardhan and Dr. N.L.Bharathishankar, former MLCs Sandesh Nagaraj, K.T.Srikantegowda, Prof.K.R.Mallikarjunappa and R.Dharmasena, former MUDA Chairman H.V.Rajeev, former Mayors Shivakumar, Modamani, Arif Hussain and Pushpalatha Chikkanna and a host of several other leaders visited the residence of Vasu located on Temple road in Jayalakshmipuram and paid their last respects to the departed leader.

Others who paid their last respects yesterday included District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, former Presidents M.Chandrashekar and Prof.N.Girigowda, former Corporator Prashanth Gowda, Suyog Hospital Chairman Dr.S.P.Yoganna, BJP leader and senior Advocate Arun Kumar, leaders H.A.Venkatesh, M. Anand, H. Aravind, Somashekar,Kupendra Reddy, Salim Ahmed and Dr.H.N. Ravindra, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Mysore Race Club Chairman K.M. Chandregowda, former Mysuru District Journalists Association President S.T. Ravikumar, leaders Vikrant P. Devegowda, Ravichandregowda, Prasanna Gowda, Pradeep, Kurubur Shantakumar, Mugur Nanjundaswamy, Thayur Vittalamurthy, social worker Bookanakere Vijendra and others.

Paying his condolences, Suttur Mutt seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji said it is sorrowful that former MLA Vasu has passed away.

Recalling the services of Vasu in the field of education, social service and the like, the seer said that Vasu was more popularly known as Mayor Vasu and this goes to prove his connection with Mysuru. Noting that Vasu was always responsive to the joys and sorrows of common man, he lauded the contribution of Vasu to Mysuru as an MLA.

Vasu's fans and followers should continue the good deeds of the former MLA, he added.

Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji said that Vasu, who was more popular as Mayor Vasu, had donated lakhs of rupees to the several poor students.Stating that Vasu had told him that he should facilitate his (Vasu) son's wedding at Vijayanagar Yoganarasimhaswamy temple in a simple manner, the Swamiji said now that Vasu has passed away, he finds it hard to express words. "I have the confidence that Vasu's sons will continue the good work of their father", he added.

Former Deputy Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Dr.C.N.Ashwathnarayan said that Vasu , as a politican, was a gentleman, having maintained dignity and public posture. Recalling the efforts of Vasu in the establishment of Jayadeva Hospital, Trauma Care centre, District Hospital, Princess Krishnajammanni Multi-speciality Hospital etc., he wanted the Government to name an Institution after Vasu.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T.Devegowda said that he and Vasu were good friends and both of them entered the Co-operative sector together. Though they were associated with different political parties, they had a close association. Vasu built a educational Institution and became popular as an educationist as well.

Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad said it was Vasu who had chalked out plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of his (Prasad) political journey, Prasad said he was deeply pained by his demise as he had lost one of his close friends.

No new works will be allowed after announcement of poll schedule: DC

Dr. Rajendra

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (DM)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, said that the launch of new works or projects will not be allowed after the announcement of Lok Sabha Poll schedule which is likely to happen next week. He was addressing officials from PWD, Irrigation, CESC and other technical departments at a meeting on enforcement of Model Code of Conduct, at the ZP hall here recently.

He instructed the officials to remove unauthorised flexes, boards, banners and other poll related graffiti in all Government buildings within 24 hours, at public places and joints within 48 hours and in other private buildings and spaces within 72 hours after the announcement of the poll schedule.

Dr. Rajendra asked the officials to inspect the electoral rolls for inclusion of all voters and officials and to make a representation seeking the necessary portal or Election Duty Certificates in the prescribed format, on the day of polls.

ZP CEO K.M.Gayathri, MCC Commissioner, MUDA Commissioner and other officials were present.

Farmers to stage torchlight procession across Karnataka tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BLU&TRR)- "Urging for the implementation of their demands and also to extend their support to the agitation being held at New Delhi by Kisan Samyukta Morcha, farmers will stage a torch light procession across the State," said the President of Federation of Farmers Associations Kurubur Shantakumar at a press conference addressed at Jaladarshini Guest House in the city, yesterday.

"The farmers will stage protest by taking out torch light procession at all districts and observe tomorrow as a day of farmers anger," added Kurubur Shantakumar.

Stating that a tractor rally has been organised at Dharwad on Mar.15 as a continuation of farmers struggle, he said that a more intense form of agitation will be launched from there. Charging that the Central Government is suppressing the agitation of farmers who have gathered at New Delhi from different parts of the country including Karnataka, Punjab and Haryana, he said that the Central Government after holding four rounds of discussions with agitating farmers is going back on its assurances and showing anti-farmer attitude.

Farmers are facing lot of hardships because of drought in the State. Hence, Government must direct banks, cooperative societies not to forcibly collect loan arrears from farmers, he said.

P. Mariswamy takes charge as CADA Chairman

Chamarajanagar, Mar. 10 - Chamarajanagar District Congress President P. Mariswamy, took charge as the Chairman of Command Area Development Authority (CADA), at its Office in Mysuru, on Monday.

Speaking after assuming office, Mariswamy said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM D.K. Shivakumar have appointed him as CADA Chairman recognising his services to the party.

"I am thankful to District Ministers of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, all MLAs and party leaders for recommending my name. I will make sincere efforts to implement various programmes and extend facilities for the farmers of CADA catchment area. Apart from developing ponds, lakes, canals and connecting roads in the district, priority will be given to reach pro-people programmes of the Government to beneficiaries," said Mariswamy.

MLAs A.R. Krishnamurthy, H.M. Ganesh Prasad and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, former MLAs S. Jayanna, R. Narendra, Kalale Keshavamurthy and G.N. Nanjundaswamy, former MP M. Shivanna, Guarantees Implementation Committee Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Mysuru City Congress President R. Murthy, Chamarajanagar District Congress VP B.K. Ravikumar and KPCC Secretary H.C. Basavaraju were present.

TENNIS TALK

By U.B. Acharya

Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj: International Tennis Hall of Fame

Leander Paes

International Tennis Hall of Fame

Vijay Amritraj

History: In 1879, James Gordon Bennett Jr. commissioned a resort facility at Newport, Rhode Island, USA, for the wealthy Newport summer residents. It was then essentially a casino, an exclusive retreat for the rich and famous East Coast Americans.

The facility added in 1880 a modern club. Along with an excellent clubhouse, this complex included 13 grass tennis courts, an indoor tennis facility with three courts, three outdoor hard courts and a casino theatre.

Further Development: The United States Lawn Tennis Association held its first National Championships at this club in 1881. This event was held annually until 1914, by which time tennis had become the key attraction of this facility. After the First World War, the Championship was shifted in 1920 to Flushing Medows, New York.

But by 1950, the retreat was struggling financially as the tourism preferences changed and at that time it was at the risk of being demolished and sold to private developers. But the building was purchased and saved by Jimmy and Candy Van Alen, wealthy Newport summer residents. A sportsman himself, Jimmy, in 1954, established the National Tennis Hall of Fame and a Museum in the casino. The combination of tennis courts and the museum allowed the facility to be saved financially.

Jimmy Van Alen was elected as the first President of the Hall in 1957. He intended the facility to be "the shrine of the ideals of the game" and also to "honour both players and other contributors to the sport of tennis." It is a non-profit organisation with a goal of inspiring the sport of tennis around the world.

In 1975, with the induction of England's Fred Perry, the organisation became the International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF). It was recognised in 1986 by the International Tennis Federation. It is interesting to note that Vijay Amritraj is a current member of the Board of Governors with Kim Clijsters as the Honorary President and Patrick McEnroe as the President.

Museum: The museum started by Van Alen chronicles the history of sport from 12th Century to the present day. It has over 30,000 objects, a research facility with 5,000 books and 3000+ audio-visual materials. The collection is displayed year-round in the museum's 13,000 square feet of exhibit space.

The museum was renovated in 2015 and has become a Smithsonian affiliate.

Infosys Hall of Fame Open: This tournament is held annually in July just prior to the US Open Championship. It is an ATP 250 event and is the only grass court tournament in the whole of United States. In the past, most top male players used to come here to compete for the Van Alen Cup as a curtain raiser for the US Open Championship.

However, after US Open changed from grass court to hard court in 1977, this tournament lost its lustre and top contenders for the US Open stopped playing this tournament. Some of the prominent winners are American John Isner (four times), Mardy Fish, Australian Lleyton Hewitt and Indian Vijay Amritraj (thrice).

Members: Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is the ultimate in Tennis. It represents sum of one's achievements and contributions as among the most important and transportive in tennis history. There is a seven-step process starting with nomination, a review and ultimately voting by the group and the fans. To be inducted, 75% of the votes are needed.

The results are announced in January each year and the actual induction takes place in July during their annual tennis tournament. First Hall of Fame members were inducted in 1955 and as of 2023, a total of 262 inductees from 27 countries have been recognised. The beauty is that a tennis champion or an important contributor to the sport is inducted several years later than their achievements. Thus, you will not find any of the present-day champions in this list.

Going through the names of the inductees, I notice that practically all USA players who have won at least one Major title have been included but not so for many non-US players. This is because the other country's players have not got the necessary 75% votes! Among the recent inductees are Li Na (China) in 2019, Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) in 2020 and Lleyton Hewitt (Australia) in 2022.

In a recent announcement, ITHF declared that Leander Paes with 18 Major Doubles titles (in the players category) and Vijay Amritraj (in the contributors' category) have been elected for the honour for 2024. Kim Clijsters, while congratulating these two outstanding personalities, said that she is "thrilled" to welcome them into this august body.

While Li Na is the first Asian lady to be inducted, Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj would be the first Asian gentlemen players. They will be inducted in a ceremony on July 20, 2024 and it would be a red-letter day for Indians.

Mustafa Raja wins U-18 Tennis BC Provincial Championships

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Mysuru lad, 17-year-old Mustafa Raja won the U-18 Tennis BC Provincial Championships in both Singles and Doubles in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Tournament was played at the Tennis BC hub in Richmond for over four days from Feb. 29 to Mar. 4.

Mustafa Raja

Mustafa, seeded second in the Singles, defeated the top seed player Gary Jiang 6-2 5-7 and 6-4. Match lasted for almost 3 hours which saw intense long rallies. Mustafa, partnered with Gelan Su, to win the Doubles title as well.

By virtue of this win, Mustafa qualifies for the U-18 Nationals to be held in Toronto later this month.

Mustafa has in the previous years been the Provincial Champion in U-14 and U-16 too.

Mustafa studied in Excel Public School and trained at the Nagaraj Tennis Centre in Mysuru before moving to Canada in 2019.

Admission to residential schools

Mysuru, Mar. 10- The Minorities Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible Minority and OBC students for admission to 6th standard (2024-25) in Morarji Desai and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential Schools in the district.

The admission is open to Morarji Desai Residential Schools at Anivalu village in Periyapatna taluk (Mob: 81973-65501) and the new one in T. Narasipur taluk (Mob: 91644-68823 or 98452-10242) and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School at Doddakanya village (Mob: 89701-11600).

Admission is limited to 60 seats, out of which 75% is reserved for Minority communities and the rest 25 percent for SC/ST and OBC category students.

Interested students can apply online via Seva Sindhu portal: ***https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in***, before Mar. 15. For details, visit the Department office at Moulana Azad Bhavan, near Shobha Garden, Mysuru-Bengaluru Road or contact Ph: 0821-2422088.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival - 2024

Guru Parampare devoid of caste indicators: Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (MTY&BS)- "The saints were the best co-ordinators of India as there were no caste indicators in *Guru Parampare* (Uninterrupted succession of Gurus)," said poet Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash.

He was speaking after inaugurating a national symposium on Contemporary Interpretation of Vachana Movement, organised as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi in Rangayana here on Saturday.

"There is an uninterrupted search for new things in Indian culture, along with innovations. The existence of Indian culture is not in Vedas and Upanishads. If one goes deep further they may be taken to 12th century that coincides with the era of Basavanna. Incidentally, Basavanna is declared as our 'Cultural Leader' and Chief Minister and the Government deserves appreciation for the same," asserted Shivaprakash.

Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash inaugurating a national symposium organised as a part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival - 2024 at Rangayana yesterday as** (from left) **V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy, O.L. Nagabushana Swamy, Prof. H.S. Umesh and Nirmala Mathapati look on.

Vachana literature was not created by an individual but it was a mass contribution that includes inventions by individuals representing different caste groups. We can witness the influence of caste in *Acharya Parampare.* Hence we should come out of *Acharya Parampare* and embrace *Guru Parampare,* which is bereft of caste and also has the culture to deny caste influence. Hence the saints can be seen as the great coordinators of India, said Shivaprakash.

The narrations built on Vachanas are not directly dependent on Vachanas. The *viraktas* (ascetic person) interpreted again on *sampadane* (earning) and *shoonya sampadane* (nothing) and the present discussion surrounds them. In this backdrop, there is a need for interpreting the Vachanas. There is a belief that *Shoonya Sampadane* that reveals many of the truths related to Vachana tradition has rendered injustice to Vachanas, suppressing the voice of oppressed, hard working classes and women. We should discover unity and diversity that belong to different traditions, ignoring the principles built on ego. Such attempts are not made in Karnataka, he rued.

Presiding over the symposium, writer Prof. O.L. Nagabushana Swamy said "Some are feeling overjoyed with Basavanna declared as 'Cultural Leader'. But it should not create an impression that the ability to question is lost. In the recent days, it has become common to pay an ode to Basavanna in political speeches, by narrating his Vachanas. However, we should analyse whether those leaders truly practice the values and philosophies propagated by Basavanna in their life."

Convener of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival Prof. H.S. Umesh, Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy and Deputy Director of Rangayana Nirmala Mathapati were present.

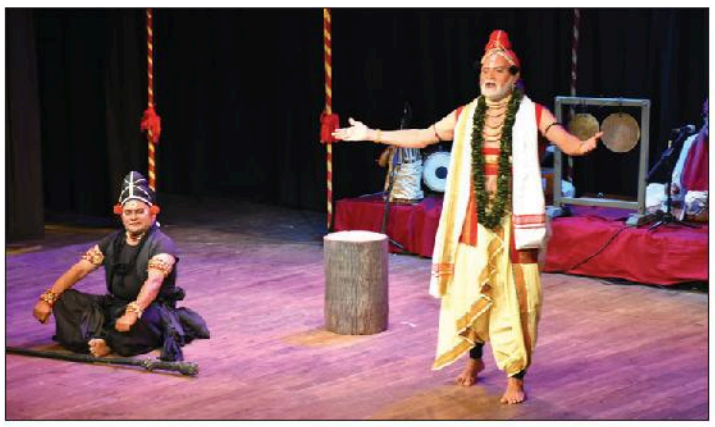
Mix of plays from different genres staged

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (MK&BS)- The third-day of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival-2024 drew theatre lovers in droves to Rangayana, the State's first theatre repertory, serving as the perfect weekend getaway.

A variety of plays based on different genres were staged in different venues within the precincts of the repertory—Vanaranga, Bhoomigeetha, Kalamandira and Kiru Ranga Mandira (Mini Theatre), with most of them jam-packed with audience.

Glani (Koragu: Agony in English) based on epic Ramayana in which Sri Ramachandra suffers from worries was poignantly staged at Kiru Ranga Mandira by the artistes of Udaya Kalavidaru from Sagara. G.S. Bhat is the playwright and former Director of Rangayana Chidambara Rao S. Jambe has directed the play.

Jump, a bilingual play staged in Hindi and English by the artistes of Collective Madness Studios, Mumbai, under the direction of Maneesh Sharma, at Bhoomigeetha was a laugh riot. The plot revolves around a young woman who though has a successful career, makes a suicide bid by jumping off a high rise building, only to be rescued by a taxi driver. The conversation with the taxi driver brings to fore the sensitive matters of her personal life which is a mix of mental depression, loneliness, joy and love she experienced in her life which was narrated with a touch of comedy.



Artistes enacting the play 'Glani' at Kiru Ranga Mandira in Kalamandira premises yesterday

Khatara, a Marathi play depicted the state of helplessness of a farmer to arrange money for his elder daughter's marriage by selling off his bullock cart (called *Khatara* in Marathi). Amol Devidas Salve has directed the play which was staged by the artistes of Aapla Ghar, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra at Vanaranga, the open air theatre.

Kannada play *Chavundaraya* directed by H.K. Shwetharani and performed by artistes of Sri Gajanana Yuvaka Mandali, Sheshagiri at Kalamandira, retold the contributions of Chavundaraya, who was the Military Commander of Gangas. The compelling reasons that led to the construction of monolithic statue of Bahubali at Shravanabelagola was also narrated effectively.

The exhibition cum sale of various products like books, artefacts and eatables, also witnessed a roaring business, with the stall owners who saw a slump on the first two days of opening of the theatre festival on Mar.7, heaving a sigh of relief.

A sequence of Kannada play 'Chavundaraya'

Existence of Vachana is in theatre: Prof. Rajappa Dalavayi

Prof. Rajappa Dalavayi speaking during a national symposium at Rangayana yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (MK&BS)- Prof. Rajappa Dalavayi from Bangalore University observed that "The existence of Vachana literature can be further preserved and nurtured only if we practice it in our life."

Sharing his views at a lecture on the topic 'Vachana Movement and Kannada Theatre' organised during a national symposium, as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana, Dalavayi said "We should understand the value of Vachana movement that has a larger influence on Kannada theatre."

"The solution to social imbalance lies in Vachana movement. In the initial days, Vachanas were considered as religious scripts and it was only after 70s that they transformed into a movement. Vachana literature was adapted to theatre later," he added.

Former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah said "There is a difference between movement and activity. Any development begins with a movement and ends up with activity. There are over 60 Kannada plays dependent on Vachanas which took the form of a movement through dialogues."

For the last two years, Rangayana was filled with Police and a party oriented event more than theatre enthusiasts. Now, the real theatre lovers are turning towards Rangayana and such activities should continue in the coming days too, he said.

Playwright Nataraj Honnavalli and theatre director Mahadev Hadapada were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ad hominem

Pronunciation: ad-HAH-muh-num (adjective)
Meaning: Something described as ad hominem involves an attack on an opponent's character rather than an answer to assertions or points that the opponent has made.
Origin: Ad hominem literally means "to the person" in New Latin (Latin as used since the end of the medieval period). In centuries past, the term was used in the phrase "argument ad hominem" (or argumentum ad hominem, to use the full New Latin phrase) to refer to a valid method of persuasion by which one takes advantage of an opponent's interests or feelings in a debate, instead of just sticking to general principles. What exactly came into play in such persuasions eventually expanded, and ad hominem came to describe an attack aimed at an opponent's character rather than their ideas. It's in this decidedly less civil application that ad hominem appears today. The hostile nature of such attacks has led to an understanding of the term as meaning "against the person," rather than its original Latin meaning of "to the person."
Example: "Ad hominem arguments are viewed, almost universally, as bad, bad, bad.... Students are taught to differentiate between their opponent and their opponent's argument. The rationale for doing so makes perfect sense. In theory, a person's merits are irrelevant to whether their argument makes logical sense. An argument depends on nothing more than whether its conclusion follows its premises; the speaker, you might say, is just the messenger." — Mehdi Hasan, Win Every Argument: The Art of Debating, Persuading, and Public Speaking, 2023

THE ODD WORD

Agastopia

Admiration of a particular part of someone's body.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Smell a Rat

Meaning: When you say you 'Smell a Rat' you mean that you're picking up on something suspicious.
Origin: No one is certain when or where this phrase originated, however if you have ever smelt a dead rat in a wall, you know that the odour is horrible, indicating that something is definitely out of place. The term probably comes from the days when rats were more common, and when prize terriers were used to sniff them out and kill them.
Example: "What are you guys up to? I smell a rat."

QUOTE BOX

A man paints with his brains and not with his hands. **—Michelangelo**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Sitting on top of the world.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Indian tennis ace
5 Always in verse
8 Queue
12 Until now
14 Unique or singular person
15 Stalemates
16 Synthetic fruit drinks
17 Vane dir.
18 Application or endeavour
20 Commerce
23 Small and sweet
24 Tax; duty
25 Persist regardless of danger? (2,2,3)
28 Cent. Tele. Off.
29 Gourdlike fruit
30 Managed
32 Fainted
34 Ceremony
35 Jogging gait
36 Impudent, audacious or brash
37 Old-fashioned
40 "Fin" changed for some information, shortly
41 Biblical preposition
42 Litigable
47 March time fatal for Caesar
48 Counted
49 Regional belt
50 Family doctors in short?
51 Doubling of a cord

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	A	P	E	R	S	■	P	T	U	S	H	A
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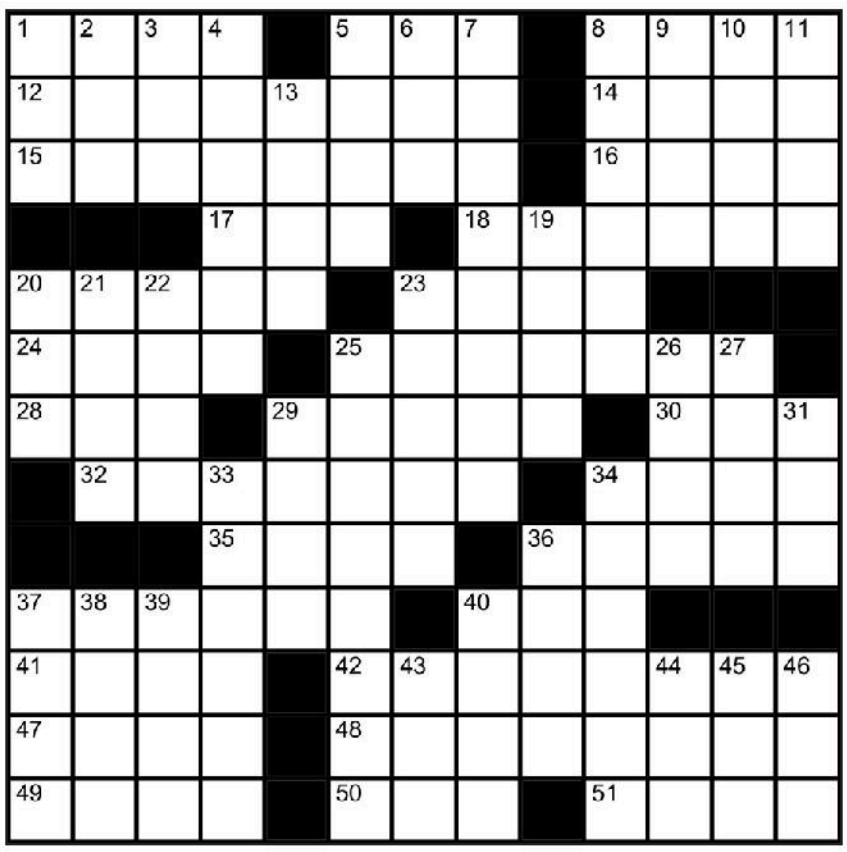
DOWN
1 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
2 Ready, ___, fire : order on the shooting range?
3 Equal Time Point
4 Beer and lemonade mixed
5 Irish
6 Estimated Time En route
7 High quality timber - "do so wore" anagram?
8 Idled
9 Our country, as a prefix
10 Never, poetically contracted?
11 Formerly - "rest" anagram?
13 Slave or serf
19 Seedless plant
20 Gentle handling, initially
21 Soaks flex or hemp in water
22 Declare
23 Vacancy sign (2,3)
25 Indicating or meaning
26 Goo Goo Dolls hit
27 Takes food
29 Sunrise poetically speaking
31 "Yen" anagram for famous French marshal
33 Idle, empty
34 Tennis legend ___ Nadal
36 Rebuff
37 Test of knowledge
38 Loosen
39 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
40 Distinctive doctrines
43 Drink by sips or spoonfuls
44 Brother, in short
45 Zodiac name
46 Computer capability for short



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Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	2	4	1	5	7	6	8
1	6	8	3	7	9	5	2	4
7	5	4	6	2	8	3	1	9
4	7	3	5	6	2	9	8	1
5	8	6	7	9	1	2	4	3
9	2	1	8	3	4	6	7	5
6	4	9	2	8	3	1	5	7
8	3	7	1	5	6	4	9	2
2	1	5	9	4	7	8	3	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SGP'H SWYUQYY TGQLYDJC, CGL TGQ ELD IGQPS HG JGYD;

WC TGQ IDJWHHJD TGQLYDJC, TGQ ELD IDJWDRDS; WC

TGQ MLEWYD TGQLYDJC, TGQ ELD SWYIDJWDRDS.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Know, first, who you are; and then adorn yourself accordingly.

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Gaami (Te)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 10.10 pm
Jog 101 (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 7.05 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm, 7.10 pm
Dune Part 2 (E)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Navarasa Nayaka & As a Ranganayaka (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm; (S-4) 10.35 am
Blink (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Bhima (Te)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Manjumale (Ma)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.55 pm, 4.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 7.05 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Kailasa Kasidre (K)	:	1.55 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	4.00 pm
Premalu (Te)	:	4.20 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	7.20 pm
Guardian (2024) (Ta)	:	9.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	9.30 pm

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Article 370 (H)	:	3.50 pm
Dune Part Two (E)	:	10.05 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm,10.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.50 pm 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	1.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 7.10 pm 10.15 pm
Gammi (Te)	:	10 am, 7 pm
Navarasa Nayaka In & As Ranganayaka (K)	:	11.10 am, 7.35 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	1.50 pm
Baby (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	:	10.15 pm
Vaaranam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
All of Us Strangers (E)	:	10 am, 7.35 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	:	12.30 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 10.10 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	9.20 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	10 am, 7.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.35 am, 1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Gargi (K)	:	12.15 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.05 pm
Gaami (Te)	:	4.00 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	4.00 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	:	4.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 10)

Rangayana, Mysuru: Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival (Theme: 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava'), valedictory of 2-day National Symposium on 'Vachana Sahitya and Theatre,' senior poet Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah delivers the valedictory address, B.V. Karantha Ranga Chavadi, **4 pm;** 'Koragara Dolu' by Babu Koraga and Troupe, Pambur, Udupi, 'Goravara Kunita' by Rajashekhara and Troupe, Ramasamudra, Chamarajanagar, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Black Out' by Rangasiri Production, Bengaluru (Playwright - G.V. Shivananda; Direction - S. Sandeep Pai), Kirurangamandira, **6 pm;** Staging of Bengali play 'Kittankhola' by Thakurpukur Ichheymoto, Kolkata (Playwright - Selim Al Deen; Direction - Saurav Palodhi), Bhoomigeeta, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Kariya Devara Huduki' by Samudaya, Bengaluru (Original - Prof. G. Shankar Pillai; Translation - Na. Damodara Shetty; Direction - Niranjana Khalikoda), Vanaranga, **7 pm;** Staging of Malayalam play 'Chillara Samaram' by Little Earth School of Theatre, Kerala (Playwright - M.P. Rajesh; Direction - Arun Lal), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

Vedashastra Poshini Sabha: Retd. VC of Central Sanskrit University Vid. Dr. Parameshwara Narayana Shastry confers 'Shastra Vidyanidhi' title on 10 scholars — Vid. S.N. Srinivasamurthy Bhat (Shivamogga), Vid. Krishna Maneshwara Jogabhatta (Gokarna), Vid. Puttaiah Narayana Bhatta (Sagara), Vid. K.R. Manjunath Shrouti (Mysuru), Dr. Gopalakrishna Bhatta (Mangaluru), Dr. K. Sridhar Melukote (Bengaluru), Vid. Dr. N. Lakshminarayana Bhatta (Udupi), Dr. A. Ramaswamy Iyengar (Bengaluru), Vid. H.C. Bhalachandra Shastry (Sirsi) and Vid. Madhusudan Shastry (Hampiholi, Dharwad), Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Aratrika,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Smt. Indiradevi Praphullachandra Memorial Concert - 'Jyothi Belaguthide - A Musical Treatise on Journey of Sharanas right from 12th Century,' conceptualised by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and presented by students of Surabhi Ganakala Mandira (sponsored by Veerappa Praphullachandra), Sangeetha Kalanidhi K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 11)

Rangayana, Mysuru: Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival (Theme: 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava'), Bahuroopi Film Festival - Screening of *My Octopus Teacher* (English; Director - Pippa Ehrlich & James Reed), **10.30 am to 12 noon;** *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood* (English; Director - Marielle Heller), **12 noon to 1.30 pm;** *Arjuna* (Kannada; Director - Rangayana Sridhar), Sriranga auditorium, **2 pm to 4.30 pm;** 'Elekoralu Ulidave Kela' by students of Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra, Rangayana, Mysuru, B.V. Karantha Ranga Cahavadi, **4 pm to 5 pm;** 'Karaga Kolata' by Punith and Troupe, Udyavara, Udupi, 'Kangilu' by Sugipu Janapada Kala Tanda, Bangle Gudde, Sullia, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Paarshwa Sangeetha' by Rangavalli, Mysuru (Original - Srinivasa Vaidya; Adaptation - B.P. Arun; Music, Concept and Direction - Prashant Hiremath), Kirurangamandira, **6 pm;** Staging of non-verbal play 'Aboriginal Cry' by Akhoka Theatre, Imphal, Manipur (Concept, Design and Direction - Thoudam Victor Singh), Bhoomigeeta, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Beralge Koral' by Nalwadi Social, Cultural & Educational Trust, Mysuru (Playwright - Kuvempu; Direction - Dinesh Chammalige), Vanaranga, 7 pm; Staging of Tulu play 'Kathe Eddendu' by Sharada Arts Kalavidaru, Manjeshwara, Kasaragod (Playwright and Direction - J.P. Tuminadu), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

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Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm; (S-3) 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Karataka Damaraka (K)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 4.00 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Navarasa Nayaka In and As Ranganayaka (K)	(S-4)	7.20 pm
Gaami (Te)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 4.20 pm
Bhbhimaa (Te)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 10.30 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9.30 am, 1.05 pm, 7:00 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4.20 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Navarasa Nayaka In and As Ranganayaka (K)	:	10.05 am, 4.40 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	10.20 am, 7.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.45 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.25 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	1.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	3.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Kailasa Kasidre (K)	:	4.20 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	7.05 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Gaami (Te)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 10)

DELHI CAPITALS Vs ROYAL CHALLENGERS

DC Vs **RCB**
Arun Jaitley Stadium,
New Delhi - **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 11)

GUJARAT GIANTS Vs UP WARRIORZ

GG Vs **UPW**
Arun Jaitley Stadium,
New Delhi - **7.30 pm**

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